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FOR WARNKE AND MRS. BENSON FROM MAYNES

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, UN

SUBJECT: SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

1. AT STANLEY FOUNDATION CONFERENCE FOR UN OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, LIVIU BOTA, POLITICAL AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR UN CENTRE FOR DISARMAMENT, ASKED ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES WHETHER U.S. COULD CONSIDER PUBLISHING IN AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT INFORMATION ON ARMS TRANSFERS WHICH THE CENTRE COULD IN TURN PUBLISH IN ITS UN YEARBOOK ON DISARMAMENT. THE 1976 EDITION IS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLICATION IN SEPTEMBER 1977.

2. ACCORDING TO BOTA, A VERY INTELLIGENT AND ATTRACTIVE ROMANIAN OFFICIAL NOW WORKING AT THE UN, THE CENTRE IS NOT PERMITTED TO PUBLISH ANY FIGURES ON ARMS TRANSFERS THAT ARE NOT FROM GOVERNMENTS. CONSEQUENTLY, IT CANNOT USE MATERIALS PRODUCED BY SIPRI IN SWEDEN OR BY THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC STUDIES IN LONDON. SOVIETS PARTICULARLY INSISTENT ON THIS POINT. HE THEREFORE ASKED MAYNES WHETHER U.S. GOVERNMENT COULD BEGIN PUBLISHING MATERIAL WHICH THE CENTRE COULD IN TURN PRINT AND DISTRIBUTE. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY HE RAISED WAS  
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STIMULATING A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE TO PRODUCE THE INFORMATION ON A YEARLY BASIS.

3. DURING CONVERSATION, BOTA TOOK OCCASION TO COMMENT CRITICALLY ON STATE OF DISARMAMENT WORK IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. HE SAID THAT HE WAS ONE OF TWO OFFICERS WORKING ON DISARMAMENT IN HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY BEFORE HE WENT TO THE UN. HE AND THE OTHER OFFICER ALSO HANDLED OTHER

SUBJECTS AND ONLY HAD THE TIME TO CONSIDER DISARMAMENT  
FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ALLIANCE POLITICS. IN NO SENSE  
WAS HE GIVEN THE TIME TO BECOME A DISARMAMENT EXPERT.

4. COMMENT: AS YOU KNOW, UN HAS NEVER SUCCEEDED IN  
MATCHING EVEN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS  
IN PUBLISHING ACCURATE INFORMATION ON ARMS TRANSFERS.  
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WORTH EXPLORING THE KIND OF INFOR-  
MATION WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE PUBLISHED UNDER UN AUSPICES,  
AND THEN INSTRUCTING USUN TO EXPLORE THIS ISSUE FURTHER  
WITH BOTI IN NEW YORK. THOMPSON

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